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The 300th regular meeting of the Hawaiian Entomological Society was held at the Experiment Station of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association at 2:30 p.m., January 8th, 1931.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Mr. O. H. Swezey acted as chairman. Other members present were: Messrs. Au, Bryan, Ehrhorn, Fullaway, Ito, Keck, Rosa, Sakimura, Stanley, Van Zwaluwenburg, Wilder and Williams. Two visitors: Miss Dobroscky and Miss Suehiro.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman appointed Mr. Ehrhorn to audit the Society's accounts for 1930.

Mr. Bryan reviewed the list of common names of insects in Hawaii. The list, which is not yet final, induced considerable discussion.

Mr. Swezey spoke of the Trail and Mountain Club hike up Mt. Kaala on Sunday, January 11, as offering opportunity for entomologists.

Miss Dobroscky spoke of the New York Entomological Society, of which she has been a member since 1926.

PAPERS

"Thrips tabaci Imported From Oregon."*

BY K. SAKIMURA.

NOTES AND EXHIBITIONS

Megamelus proserpina Kirk.—Mr. Fullaway spoke of the taro leafhopper as being very abundant in a limited area in some of

* Not available for publication [Ed.]

Mr. Van Zwaluwenburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ehrhorn, that the Secretary, in behalf of the Society, be instructed to write a letter of thanks to the trustees of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association for their valuable financial aid in the publishing of Vol. VII, Proceedings of the Hawaiian Entomological Society.

Dr. Hagan gave an interesting account of the meeting in June, at Pasadena, of the Pacific Slope Branch of the American Association of Economic Entomologists.

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Euscepes batatae Waterhouse.—Mr. Bryan exhibited specimens of this sweet potato weevil from a giant native specimen of sweet potato, u'ala, of the variety Mauna Pohaku, which weighed 16 pounds when fresh, grown by J. W. Kauwenui, at Laupahoe-hoe, Hawaii. The sweet potato was brought to B. P. Bishop Museum, July 2, 1931, by E. S. C. Handy.

Samoan insects.—Mr. Bryan exhibited three trays full of Samoan Orthoptera and Coleoptera, which were part of a collection made by D. T. Fullaway on the island of Tutuila, in February and March, 1930. The specimens had been mounted, labelled, sorted into groups, and many of the species identified, by Miss Amy Suehiro of the Pacific Entomological Survey Staff, at Bishop Museum.

Tachysphex fusus Fox.—Dr. Williams exhibited a fresh specimen of this little larrid wasp, that has the tip of the abdomen reddish. It was caught on the margin of Field 4 B, Waianae Sugar Plantation, Oahu, on June 5, 1931. This insect is common and widespread in the United States, where it provisions its shallow burrows, made in soil, with the young of short-horned grasshoppers. As the sugar cane grasshopper (*Oxya chinensis*) is abundant in parts of Waianae, the wasp probably preys on it.

Chalybion caeruleum (Linn.)—Dr. Williams exhibited a large fresh male specimen of this brilliantly steel-blue sphecid wasp taken June 8, 1931, at a lanai (porch) window in Woodlawn, Honolulu. It uses the cells of *Sceliphron* (black and yellow mud-daubers) for its nest, storing them with spiders. It is common in the United States.